Maryland Health Congress Records, 1939-1941
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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Maryland Health Congress Records
Date [inclusive]	1939-1941
Extent	3.0 Linear feet 5 boxes
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Text [Box]	1-5
Container	1-81
Abstract	The Maryland Health Congress was organized in 1939 after the First All-Maryland Health Conference. The conference took place in May 1939 after the introduction and attempted passage of a national health bill, the Wagner Bill (S 1620). The collection includes copies of the Wagner Bill, minutes from committee meetings, delegate invitations as well as news media clippings about national, state and local health issues. The significance of the documents in this collection represents the impact and motive of the Maryland Health Congress.

Preferred Citation note

Maryland Health Congress Records, Special Collections, Enoch Pratt Free Library/Maryland's State Library Resource Center.

Biographical/Historical note

The Maryland Health Congress was organized in 1939 after the First All-Maryland Health Conference. The Congress met semi-annually. The conference took place in May 1939 after the introduction and attempted passage of a national health bill, the Wagner Bill (S 1620). The Wagner bill outlined a national health plan to better serve the needs of the United States at that time. The conference featured more than 100 organizations, represented by 350 delegates, brought together to discuss how to bring better health and medical care to those who needed it and also to discuss the ramifications of the Wagner Bill. The conference was held at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. The Second All-Maryland Health Conference was held in April 1940. The Maryland Health Congress continued into 1941 with the mission: “To work for and support any program directed toward the provision of more adequate medical care for all persons living in the United States, regardless of race, creed or color.”

The officers of the Congress in 1939: Thomas J.S. Waxter, chairman; R.C. F. Weagly, 1st vice chairman; Prof. R.C. Lamb, 2nd vice chairman; William N. Purdy, 3rd vice chairman; Bowen H. Smith, executive secretary; Mazie F. Rappaport, recording secretary; and Dr. Donald R. Hooker, treasurer.

The officers of the Congress in 1940: Thomas J.S. Waxter, chairman; R.C. F. Weagly, 1st vice chairman; Edward S. Lewis, 2nd vice chairman; Dr. Donald Hooker, 3rd vice chairman; Mazie F. Rappaport, secretary; and H. Bowen Smith, treasurer.

Scope and Contents note

The collection includes copies of the Wagner Bill, minutes from committee meetings, delegate invitations and many other documents showing the impact and motive of the Congress. The collection also includes news media clippings about national, state and local health issues.

Arrangement note

The papers are divided into nine series and each series is divided into subseries. All items contained in each series are arranged chronologically. Undated material is placed at the end of each series or sub series. Letters are arranged chronologically and in the case of identical dates, arranged alphabetically by the sender.

I. First All-Maryland Health Conference The first series is divided into five sub series: 1. General Correspondence; 2. Discussions following resolutions; 3. Invitations to speakers and delegates; 4. Conference Speeches; and 5. Conference Proceedings. The first sub series includes correspondence that did not logically fit into any of the other sub series. The second sub series contains a handwritten account of a discussion following the passage of the resolutions at the First All-Maryland Health Conference. The fourth sub series not only contains the speeches given during the conference, but edits made to speech clippings to be included in the final publication of Conference proceedings. The speeches are arranged alphabetically according to the speaker. The fifth sub series contains tentative programs of the Conference, along with a complete, final proceedings pamphlet.

II. Maryland Health Congress-1939 The second series is divided into six sub series: 1. General Correspondence; 2. Executive Committee and delegate appointments; 3. Invitations to delegates; 4. Agendas and minutes of Committee meetings; 5. Resolutions; and 6. Round Table correspondence. The first sub series includes correspondence that did not logically fit into any of the other sub series. The second sub series contains correspondence between those appointed to the executive committee of the Congress. The fifth sub series contains a set of resolutions that resulted from the Congress meetings and the sixth sub series contains very fragile correspondence between Senator Wagner and the Congress regarding a possible round table discussion.

III. Second All-Maryland Health Conference The fourth series is divided into two sub series: 1. Invitations to speakers; and 2. Invitations to delegates

IV. Maryland Health Congress-1940 The third series is divided into four sub series: 1. General Correspondence; 2. Executive Committee and delegate appointments; 3. Agendas and minutes of Committee meetings; and 4. Constitution and resolutions. The first sub series includes correspondence that did not logically fit into any of the other sub series. The second sub series contains correspondence between those appointed to the executive committee of the Congress.

V. Maryland Health Congress-1941 The fifth series contains one folder of correspondence surrounding the Congress.

VI. General Correspondence The sixth series is divided into three sub series: 1. Mailing List; 2. Form Letters; and 3. Publicity. The first sub series contains the mailing list of the Congress. The second sub series contains general letters used as correspondence to organizations, the executive committee and delegates involved with the Congress and conference. The third sub series contains a general press release and a list of county newspapers that received the press release.

VII. National Health The seventh series is divided into three sub series: 1. National Health Program; 2. National Health Correspondence-1939; and 3. National Health Correspondence-1940. The first sub series contains copies of the Wagner Bill, a report for establishing the National Health Program and a report from the Committee of Physicians. The second sub series contains letters and other communications regarding the state of national health in 1939. The third sub series contains other communications regarding the state of national health in 1940.

VIII. Media Clippings The eighth series is divided into five sub series: 1. First All-Maryland Health Conference and Congress; 2. Second All-Maryland Health Conference and Congress; 3. City/County Health; 4. State Health; and 5. National Health. The first sub series contains newspaper clippings regarding the First All-Maryland Health Conference and Congress. The second sub series contains

newspaper clippings regarding the Second All-Maryland Health Conference and Congress. The third sub series contains media clippings regarding the state of health care in the cities and counties of Maryland. The fourth sub series contains media clippings regarding a push towards a Maryland State Health Program. The fifth sub series contains media clippings regarding the state of national health care.

IX. Card Catalogue The ninth series contains a bundle of color-coded note cards showing organizations, officers and delegates involved in the Maryland Health Congress from 1939-1941.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access note

"Unrestricted, by appointment only."

Accruals note

"No accruals are expected."

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Miss Mazie F. Rappaport donated the records of the Maryland Health Congress to the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Rappaport was the recording secretary for the Maryland Health Congress from 1939-1941 and also the chairman of the Maryland Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Maryland Health Congress.
- Wagner Bill.

Genre(s)

- agendas (administrative records)
- Correspondence
- minutes (administrative records)
- proceedings
- resolutions (administrative records)
- speeches (documents)

Personal Name(s)

- Hooker, Donald R., Dr.
- Lamb, R. C., Prof.
- Purdy, William N.
- Rappaport, Mazie F.
- Smith, H. Bowen
- Waxter, Thomas J. S.
- Weagly, R. C. F.

Subject(s)

- Health care reform.
- Public health -- Congresses.
- public health -- Maryland.

Collection Inventory

Series I: First All-Maryland Health Conference	**Box** 1	**Folder** 1-3
Subseries 1: General Correspondence	**Box** 1	**Folder** 1-3
	Box	**Folder**
Letters: April 14 to May 24, 1939	1	1
Correspondence: May 31-June 5, 1939	1	2
Correspondence: June 19, 1939 to undated	1	3
Subseries 2: Discussions following resolutions	**Box** 1	**Folder** 4
	Box	**Folder**
Undated, typed account of discussion	1	4
Subseries 3: Invitations to speakers and delegates	**Box** 1	**Folder** 5-9
	Box	**Folder**
Invitations: March 20-April 19, 1939	1	5
Invitations: May 1-4, 1939	1	6
Invitations: May 4-19, 1939	1	7

Invitations: May 24-undated	1	8
Delegate cards and anonymous letter	1	9
Subseries 4: Conference Speeches	**Box** 1	**Folder** 10-14
	Box	**Folder**
Changes to speeches: Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 1939	1	10
Changes to speeches: Nov.2-3, 1939	1	11
Speeches: Cordle-Eliot (June 9, 1939)	1	12
Speeches: Eliot (Aug. 7, 1939)-Leonard	1	13
Speeches: Waters-Weagly	1	14
Subseries 5: Conference Proceedings	**Box** 1	**Folder** 15-18
	Box	**Folder**
Tentative programs for First All-Maryland Health Conference	1	15
Final programs for First All-Maryland Health Conference	1	16
Resume of proceedings for conference	1	17
Final publication of proceedings	1	18

Series II: Maryland Health Congress 1939	**Box** 2	**Folder** 19-41
Subseries 1: General Correspondence	**Box** 2	**Folder** 19-22
	Box	**Folder**
Correspondence: May 28-June 17, 1939	2	19
Correspondence: Aug. 8-Nov. 6, 1939	2	20
Correspondence: Nov. 10-17, 1939	2	21
Correspondence: Nov. 21, 1939-undated	2	22
Subseries 2: Executive Committee and delegate appointments	**Box** 2	**Folder** 23-31
	Box	**Folder**
Letters: June 5-17, 1939	2	23
Letters: June 19-21, 1939	2	24
Letters: June 23-37, 1939	2	25
Letters: June 27-30, 1939	2	26
Letters: July 1-12, 1939	2	27
Letters: July 13-21, 1939	2	28

Letters: July 21-25, 1939	2	29
Letters: July 26-Aug. 15, 1939	2	30
Letters: Aug. 24-undated	2	31
Subseries 3: Invitations to delegates	**Box** 2	**Folder** 32-34
	Box	**Folder**
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Subseries 4: Agendas and minutes of Committee meetings	**Box** 2	**Folder** 35-38
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Executive committee: Oct. 17, 1939-List of Executive committee members	2	36
Committees: Feb. 14-May 25, 1939	2	37
Committees: Oct. 27-Report of Nominating Committee	2	38
Subseries 5: Resolutions	**Box** 2	**Folder**

		39-40May 28, 1939-undated resolutions
	Box	**Folder**
May 28, 1939-undated resolutions	2	39
Undated resolutions	2	40
Subseries 6: Round Table Correspondence	**Box** 2	**Folder** 41
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Series III: Second All-Maryland Health Conference	**Box** 3	**Folder** 42-44
Subseries 1: Invitations to speakers	**Box** 3	**Folder** 42
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Letters: May 16-Aug. 21, 1940	3	46
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	Box	**Folder**
Letters: Jan. 4-May 20, 1940	3	47
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Letters: May 29-31, 1940	3	49
Letters: May 31-June 4, 1940	3	50
Subseries 3: Agendas and minutes of committee meetings	**Box** 3	**Folder** 51-53
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Executive Committee: June 1, 1940-List of Officers	3	52
Committees: Jan. 23, 1940-Report of Nominating Committee	3	53
Subseries 4: Constitution and resolutions	**Box** 3	**Folder** 54
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Three copies of the constitution and resolutions	3	54
Series V: Maryland Health Congress 1941	**Box** 3	**Folder** 55
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Subseries 2: Form Letters	**Box** 3	**Folder** 57-60
	Box	**Folder**
Letters: April 5, 1940-undated (general letters)	3	57
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Letters to organizations and executive committee	3	60
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Subseries 1: National Health Program	**Box**	**Folder**
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Correspondence: July 18-Sept. 21, 1939	4	68
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	Box	**Folder**
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Subseries 2: Second All-Maryland Health Conference and Congress	**Box** 4	**Folder** 77
	Box	**Folder**
April 1940- Undated	4	77
Subseries 3: City/County Health	**Box** 4	**Folder** 78
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Oct. 1939-Undated	4	78
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